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In Re Application of:

Patrick KALTENBACH et al.

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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111

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Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action concerning the patent application identified above, mailed from the PTO on May 21, 2002. Reconsideration of the application in view of the following amendments and remarks is respectfully requested.

AMENDMENTS

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace the paragraph on page 11, lines 11-17, with the following paragraph (redactions indicated in Appendix A):

Alternatively, as shown in Fig. 7B, the reservoir unit 104B can be made such that the reservoirs (e.g., 106K) have a bottom (e.g., 106L), which is thin so that it can be punctured by a protrusion arm 106M from the separation units 102B or 102C in succession. The protrusion arms 106M each can have a channel for allowing fluid to flow from the reservoir into the separation unit 102B or 102C. It is preferred that the reservoir unit 104 is made of a

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